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Please reply to:

December 13, 1971

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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

On behalf of Mr. Lyle Blackwell, President of ICF(M)A, and upon instructions of Dr. Milton Graub, Vice-President of ICF(M)A, we are officially designating you as Chairman of the Basic Research Advisory Committee to the President of the International Cystic Fibrosis (Mucoviscidosis) Association. Dr. Milton Graub, formerly President of National Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation and one of its original founders as well as one of the founders of the International Organization, will serve as your physician co-chairman. You are free to select any additional co-chairman you deem necessary and this will cause no conflict with Dr. Graub's role. We are sending you under separate cover one dozen copies of the Bulletin of the ICF(M)A so you will understand the purpose, nature and the mandate of the International Organization.

Your Committee is charged as follows: to advise the President of the ICF(M)A and the General Medical Council of the ICF(M)A on the status of world genetic-cellular biology research emphasizing cystic fibrosis as a model. Your Committee should consider primarily the fundamental research in genetics reporting early to the ICF(M)A on progress and problems related to the field of genetics with a special effort to try to relate this to the problem of cystic fibrosis.

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A meeting must be held once a year and should be in conjunction with a think-tank conference which is designated in the United States as a GAP conference. GAP is an acronym for guidance, action and projection. The GAP conferences are free-idea exchange sessions which hopefully pinpoint and clarify areas where there are gaps in our knowledge on specific areas relating to genetic diseases and cellular biology as related to cystic fibrosis.

The first critical area we would like for your Committee to consider is that of membranes. In communications with you, it is our understanding that you have the following individuals as part of your permanent Committee:

Saul Roseman, John Hopkins University

Jerome Gross, Massachusetts General Hospital

Joshua Lederberg, Stanford University School
of Medicine

William Rutter, University of California

It is also my understanding that the following individuals are under consideration by your group for potential membership:

Francois Jacob	Michael Feldman
Manfried Eigen	Michael Sela
Van Deenam	Henry Harris
Bernardo Del Becho	Harry Harris

This is a total of fourteen people with the exclusion of Dr. Graub who will be most effective in assisting in the liaison between your Committee and the ICF(M)A. This group will form a very strong working nucleus that possibly could be implemented from time to time with specialists in specifically designated areas of research.

I would strongly recommend that you have two medical resource persons present when your Committee meets. My recommendations are the following two men: Dr. Giulio J. Barbero, current Chairman of our General Medical & Scientific Advisory Council, who is one

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of the architects of the GAP conference in the United States; and Dr. Ettore Rossi, the President of the International Cystic Fibrosis (Mucoviscidosis) Association.'s General Medical Council

We would request that you communicate with the members of your Committee and with Dr. Graub for the purpose of drawing up protocol for the operation of this World Basic Research Committee for genetics and cystic fibrosis. Once this has been established, your decisions in this matter should be directly communicated to this office. We shall also require the release from all members giving us permission to imprint their names as part of this special Committee, on the ICF(M)A letterhead. We will assure you that your names and those of the members of your Committee will not be exploited in anyway whatsoever.

It would be preferable that the meetings of this Committee be held in Israel in accordance with the expressed wishes of the financial contributors to this project. We have written to Dr. Sabin at the Weizmann Institute and talked with him on Friday, December 10, 1971. He plans to give us an answer by the early part of this week. It is important that you contact Dr. Sabin immediately urging him to allow the Weizmann Institute to act as host to this world GAP conference and community meeting and to verify interest of your group. We understand that the first meeting has been tentatively scheduled to take place at the Weizmann Institute on July 2, 3 and 4, 1972, with an alternate date of July 20 and 21, 1972. I discussed the matter with Mr. Blackwell, the President, and he requested that the first meeting should occur prior to August which is the date of the International meetings. However, he has no objection to holding future meetings at the time the Board of Governors at the Weizmann Institute meets in November.

The large International meeting of the ICF(M)A will take place in Washington, D.C. on March 12-16, 1973. We request that you, as Chairman of this Committee, be prepared to give a report at this Conference regarding the state of genetics and cystic fibrosis. You might wish to consider that the 1973 GAP conference be held at the sametime and in conjunction with the International Conference in Washington. The ICF(M)A is very grateful that you have agreed to be permanent Chairman of this most important Committee

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and news of this fact is already generating great enthusiasm throughout the scientific and interested lay world. Your outstanding contribution to scientific endeavor in calling the attention of Congress to the importance of genetics will take on an even greater stature. You, through this Committee, will bring proper emphasis to world governments and world science in this important problem of genetics and cellular biology

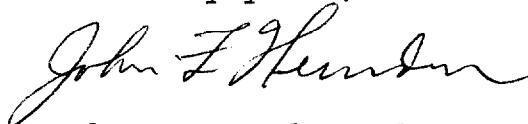
I hope that this clarifies the charge and the goals of this Foundation. Under separate cover, I am sending along with the Bulletin, copies of past GAP conferences and also a booklet describing the purpose of GAP conferences in the United States. We may wish to prepare such materials for the International at some future date.

Please let me know if you need anything further from this office. I will wait to hear from you as to your needs staff-wise that we may make available to you in this connection. For your personal information, the travel arrangements you requested have been approved by Mr. Blackwell but I would suggest that you formally request this in writing so that he may acknowledge same.

The International Organization is not too well endowed financially and as a consequence, finds itself embarrassed on the question of honorarium for the members of your Committee. However, it may be possible to offer some token form of honorarium which we hope will not detract from the high esteem that the International Organization has for you and your Committee.

This whole concept will bring great prestige to genetics, to cell. bio. to cystic fibrosis, to the International Cystic Fibrosis (Mucoviscidosis) Association and to Israel.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John F. Herndon".

John F. Herndon, Ph.D.
Secretary

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CC: Mr. Lyle Blackwell
Dr. Milton Graub

P.S. Cablegram answer arrived after this letter was typed and is attached.